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SUBJ: US-ITALY ENERGY WORKING GROUP (EWG)

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1. ECMIN REVIEWED CONTENTS REFTEL WITH MFA ENERGY COORDINATOR
MIGLIUOLO AUGUST 24.

2.ON SPECIFIC OUTSTANDING ISSUES MIGLIUOLO MADE FOLLOWING
COMMENTS:

(A) REPROCESSING TECHNOLOGY: MIGLIUOLO WILL CHECK WITH
ITALIAN TECHNICIANS WHETHER THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN VISIT
LIMITED TO CONFERENCE ROOM DISCUSSION.

(B) URANIUM ENRICHMENT TECHNOLOGY. MIGLIUOLO REFERRED TO
HIS EARLIER CONVERSATIONS WITH HELFRICH OF ERDA AND REITERATED
ITALY'S INTEREST IN BECOMING COMPONENT SUPPLIER FOR URANIUM
ENRICHMENT ASSOCIATION (UEA) PROJECT. ACCORDING TO MIGLIUOLO,
STATUS OF MATTER IS THAT ITALY IS NOW AWAITING PRELIMINARY
INFORMATION FROM ERDA ON PROCEDURE FOR BECOMING COMPONENT
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SUPPLIER.

(C) WASTE MANAGEMENT. ITALY IS THINKING OF SENDING SMALL DELEGATION (PERHAPS 5 OR 6 PEOPLE) TO U.S., POSSIBLY IN OCTOBER, TO DISCUSS AREAS OF INTEREST LISTED IN GOI MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED TO U.S. IN JUNE (SUMMARIZED IN PARA 2-C OF ROME 9924). DELEGATION WOULD HOPE TO COME TO AGREEMENT WITH U.S. SIDE ON SPECIFIC AREAS TO PURSUE.

(D) NRC LICENSING. MIGLIUOLO EXPECTS TO HAVE NAMES AND INFORMATION ON ITALIAN EXPERTS WITHIN WEEK OR SO. HIS THOUGHT IS FOR GROUP OF EXPERTS TO GO TO U.S. AFTER BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER FOR ABOUT ONE YEAR, THUS INITIATING PROGRAM ON EXPERIMENTAL BASIS.

3. MIGLIUOLO AGREEABLE TO HOLDING EWG MEETING IN ROME IN LATE SEPTEMBER FOR EARLY OCTOBER. HE WILL AWAIT SPECIFIC PROPOSAL FROM U.S. IN ADDITION, HE MENTIONED HIS HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE IN FUTURE TO SCHEDULE MEETINGS ON FAIRLY REGULAR SEMI-ANNUAL BASIS (E.G. WASHINGTON IN THE SPRING AND ROME IN THE FALL).

4. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) PROPOSED DATE OR ALTERNATIVE DATE FOR ROME EWG MEETING, (B) REACTION TO PROPOSAL RE WASTE MANAGEMENT (PARA 2-C ABOVE), AND (C) REACTION TO PROPOSALS RE NRC LICENSING, I.E. ONE-YEAR VISIT (PARA 2-D ABOVE) AND ACTIVITIES (SUMMARIZED IN PARA 2-B OF ROME 9924). BEAUDRY

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